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SUBJECT: CABLE FROM MAYOR OF HIROSHIMA

1. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ASKED THAT WE REPLY DIRECTLY TO THE FOLLOWING CABLE SENT JUNE 19 BY THE MAYOR OF HIROSHIMA TO THE PRESIDENT:

"ON THE OCCASION OF THE SUMMIT MEETING WITH SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV IN MOSCOW LATE THIS MONTH I HAVE LEARNT YOU TWO WORLD LEADERS WOULD DELIBERATE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY. IN THE LIGHT OF THE FACT OF A SERIES OF RECENT ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TESTS BY FRANCE AND CHINA I ON BEHALF OF HIROSHIMA CITIZENS STRONGLY BESEECH YOUR EXCELLENCY AND HIS EXCELLENCY BREZHNEV TO TAKE FULL INITIATIVE IN MAKING GREATEST EFFORTS TO CONVENE AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WITH ALL NUCLEAR CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT FOR THE TALKS OF AN IMMEDIATE SIGNING OF TREATIES OF COMPLETE SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR TESTING AND ANNIHILATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ALSO I SINCERELY SOLICIT YOUR EXCELLENCY TO TAKE RESOLUTE MEASURES IN AVOIDING CURRENT TOUCH-AND-GO CRISIS OF HUMAN

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HOLOCAUST. YOURS RESPECTFULLY, SETUSO YAMADA. MAYOR OF

HIROSHIMA, JAPAN."

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT THE EMBASSY CONVEY AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE

PRESIDENT. IF IN YOUR REPLY YOU WISH TO ADDRESS USG APPROACH TO ARMS CONTROL ISSUES RAISED BY MAYOR, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REPLY ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT AND YOU SHOULD USE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

QTE: THE UNITED STATES APPRECIATES THE CONCERN OF YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF HIROSHIMA, AND SHARES YOUR CONVICTION THAT RESOLUTE MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO AVOID THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR. ONE OF THE PRIMARY PURPOSES OF THE US-SOVIET SUMMIT WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 27 IN MOSCOW WAS TO WORK ON FURTHER STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN BY THE US AND THE USSR TO HALT THE STRATEGIC ARMS RACE AND TO LESSEN THE CHANCES OF LARGE-POWER MILITARY CONFRONTATION. THIS SUMMIT MEETING RESULTED IN SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT STEPS TOWARD THESE GOALS. THESE INCLUDED THE PROTOCOL TO THE 1972 TREATY ON THE LIMITATION OF ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS AND THE 1974 TREATY PROHIBITING NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS OVER A SPECIFIED THRESHOLD.

QTE: THE US REMAINS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO WORKING FOR AN EFFECTIVE AND ADEQUATELY VERIFIED COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, AND TO SEEKING WAYS TO REDUCE THE GROWING NUMBER OF NUCLEAR AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN THE WORLD'S ARSENELS. ALL OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES SHARE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REMOVE THE COMMON THREAT OF NUCLEAR ANNIHILATION AND THE US IS CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TO WORK WITH THEM AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN ALL APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FORUMS FOR THIS PURPOSE. UNQTE. SISCO

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